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Subject: Re: EPA-Tribal Leadership Framework for WQ Human Health Criteria
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Thanks Ann, that would be great if we could talk more about the framework.

For Thursday's call, we'll leave the framework on agenda. I think it's fine if you or Fran are able to just give a very brief update.

We are definitely planning on discussing/addressing the topics you raised including a discussion of cancer risk rate. We will include this under EPA updates on WA WQS in which we'll also bring up the Policy Forum meetings. Thanks very much for providing this input so we are prepared to discuss it on the call.

Thanks,

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 "seiter, Ann" ---02/04/2013 09:33:47 AM---Hi Matt. I will check with Fran about her availability for a conference call. She has had more direc

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Hi Matt. I will check with Fran about her availability for a conference call. She has had more direct interaction with tribal leaders than I have, so it would be best to have her input.

Regarding Thursday's call, and whether to have the framework on the agenda--I think it can be on the agenda but I'm not sure how much there will be to discuss at that point. It may only be an update.

When we spoke on the phone a week or so ago, I said that there may be questions on the call about the relationship between Sediment Mgt standards and Water Quality standards. The other question that keeps surfacing has to do with the cancer risk rate. We have seen some of the work that the business community has sent to Ecology on this issue, as it is on the toxics, fish and sediment website. The tribes commented a year ago that they were opposed to a change in the risk rate concurrent with the FCR. It is our understanding that the Ecology Policy Forum is planning to discuss it Friday, so it is a big topic right now, and there could be some questions on this issue too. These issues may not need to be put on the agenda, but I just wanted to give you a heads-up that the tribes are concerned about them.

Ann

On Fri, Feb 1, 2013 at 2:45 PM, <Szelag.Matthew@epamail.epa.gov> wrote:

Hi Ann,

Thank you very much for sharing the draft leadership framework with us. We were wondering if you would be willing to have a conference call with us on the draft framework so we can better understand the expectations of EPA. This will be important for us to know when we discuss the proposal with upper management. Would this be possible?

Thanks,

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▼ "seiter, Ann" ---01/31/2013 10:07:40 AM---Angela, Jim, and Matt: The NWIFC Commissioners met on Tuesday and indicated that the attached

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Subject: EPA-Tribal Leadership Framework for WQ Human Health Criteria

Angela, Jim, and Matt:

The NWIFC Commissioners met on Tuesday and indicated that the attached draft of a potential leadership framework for discussions on fish consumption rates and other human health criteria is ready for EPA Region 10 review. NWIFC also requests that a date for leadership discussions be identified as soon as possible. The tribes recognize that some transition issues are still pending, but would like to begin moving forward with EPA.

As you know, tribes from both eastern and western Washington have been working on common and individual/regional issues related to fish consumption rates, sediment management standards, and water quality standards for several years. In a recent work call, tribal staff from throughout the state indicated that their direction is to continue this effort, both mutually and separately. I forwarded the notice for the Feb 7 informational call with you to tribal and consortia staff who have been active on this issue, and it sounds like several tribes will participate. (I also requested that they RSVP to me or MaryLou, and I'll send out a reminder early next week.)

Please let Fran or I know if you have any questions, or if I can assist with the identification of a meeting date for the Leadership Forum. Thank you.

Ann

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